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FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991): UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 35th and 39th meetings, on 2 and 11 December 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.35 and 39).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/658) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/683).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/51/L.16

4. At the 39th meeting, on 11 December 1996, the representative of Portugal introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" (A/C.5/51/L.16), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/51/L.16 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996,[3]

(a) Decides that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their future apportionments their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 2,436,433 United States dollars gross (1,633,633 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 5,703,700 dollars gross (4,900,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1994 to 31 December 1995;

(b) Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 2,436,433 dollars gross (1,633,633 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 5,703,700 dollars gross (4,900,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1994 to 31 December 1995, shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(c) Decides further that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of 4,900,900 dollars, equivalent to 3,267,267 dollars, shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

(d) Requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action to recover the overpayment, which is estimated at over $844,000, relating to mission subsistence allowance and to report to the General Assembly, no later than 31 May 1997, on the results of the actions taken for its recovery, as well as on the comprehensive review of the policies of the Organization in respect of compensatory time off and mission subsistence allowance.

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[1] A/51/658.

[2] A/51/683.

[3] A/51/432, annex.